

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 5, and 7-12 are now pending in this application. Claims 1, 7, 9, and 10 are herein amended. Claims 11 and 12 are added. Support for the amendment and new claims is found at least in the original claims and in the specification at page 11, lines 19-22. No new matter is added. Claim 2 was previously canceled, and claims 4 and 6 are canceled herein.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1, 5, 6, 8, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Mohsin, U.S. Patent No. 4,457,566. Claims 4, 6, 9, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 3, 7, and 9 were indicated as allowable. Applicants thank the Office for this indication of allowable subject matter informality.

Claims 3, 7, and 9 were indicated as allowable. In response, Applicants herewith add claim 11, incorporating the elements of claim 3 into claim 1. Claims 7 and 9 are amended to depend from new claim 11. It is believed that claim 11, and its dependent claims 7, 9, and new claim 12, are allowable consistent with the Office Action of October 1, 2009. An early notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

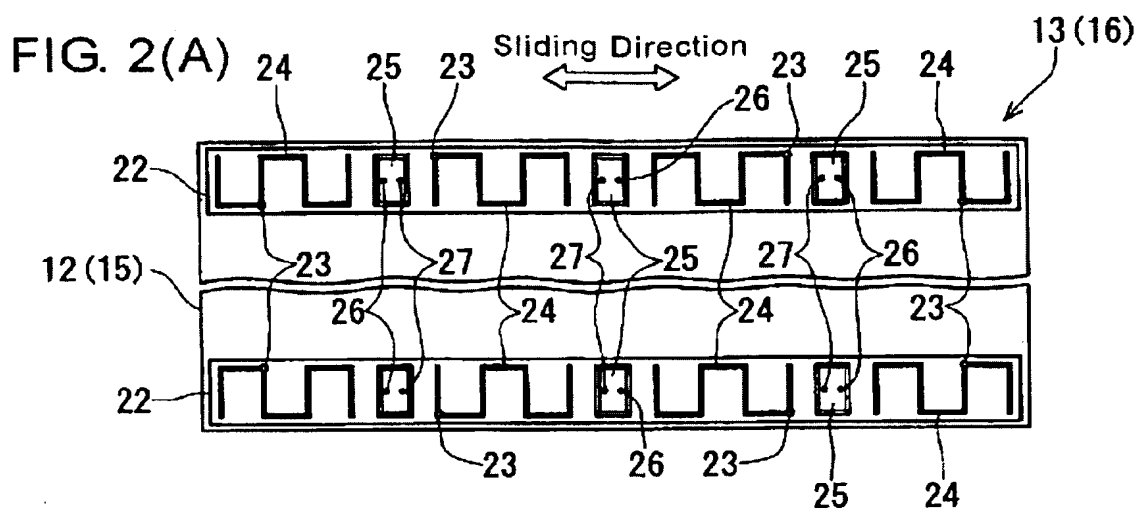
Claims 4, 6, 9, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 4 and 6 are canceled, and claims 9 and 10 are amended. It is believed that the rejections are obviated by such cancelation and amendment.

Claims 1, 5, 6, 8, and 10 were rejected as anticipated by Mohsin. In response thereto, Applicants amend claim 1. As amended, claim 1 is directed to a slide guiding device comprising a slide guiding surface provided on a support member. The slide guiding device further comprises a sliding surface provided on a movable slide, which is guided on the slide

guiding surface for movement thereon, and slidably movable on the slide guiding surface.

The device has an oil groove with a first supply hole for supplying lubrication oil to a contact surface area between the sliding surface and the slide guiding surface. It also comprises an oil pocket formed independently of the oil groove for retaining the lubrication oil supplied to the contact surface area between the sliding surface and the slide guiding surface, and an air discharge means for discharging air from the oil pocket. The oil grooves in the slide guiding device are independently arranged in a sliding direction.

Mohsin does not anticipate the device of amended claim 1. “A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference.” *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). The Office asserts that Fig. 7 of Mohsin anticipates claim 1. But Fig. 7 of Mohsin is a journal bearing, not a slide guiding device. Mohsin doesn’t disclose a slide guiding device with a slide guiding surface on a support member. Further, Mohsin teaches forming longitudinal channels in a bearing. See Abstract, Fig. 7. As amended, Applicants clarify that the oil grooves in the slide guiding device are independently arranged in a sliding direction, as illustrated in Figure 2A, reproduced below:

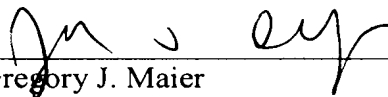


Applicants do not believe this arrangement of oil grooves are taught or suggested by Mohsin. Failing to teach this element, and failing to disclose a slide gliding device having a slide guiding surface on a support member, Mohsin cannot anticipate claim 1, or claims 5, 8, or 10 depending from claim 1. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

In light of the above discussion, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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